**Abstract:** Newspapers are a powerful teaching tool in the middle grades classroom. Our own *News and Observer* provides additional resources for teachers. West Lee has also subscribed to AVID weekly, an online current events project that provides a clearing house of relevant articles from a variety of sources and accompanying lesson plans.

**News and Observer E-edition**

Go to the *News and Observer* on –line at : <http://www.newsobserver.com/nie/>

**Before signing in: Check out Online Extras – Updated every Monday**

**Lesson Home page: Provides a calendar of dates that are available**

**(August 02,2010 talks about reliability of web sources – goes with research handbook)**

**Vocabulary Quiz**

**Geography Quiz**

**Cartoons for the classroom – AWESOME**

**Science Webcasts – audio 2 minute clips – great starters/summarizers for the class. Have kids listen and respond in their journal. New twist – LISTENING!!**

**News video**

**Steps to logging in to the e-edition:**

1. Find the green box – log in to e-edition with the following
2. USER NAME: wlms1011
3. Password: students

This takes you to the News and Observer E-edition

Left side is table of contents page

Right side is front page of today’s paper

Tip: ***“fit to width” option better for mini’s***

**Features**

**Archives: The online edition also offers archived editions of their paper**

**Tips: The Mini-pages and the Science section come out every Monday!**

**EXTENDED CREDIT: 1 contact hour of reading credit (in addition to the 1 hour of workshop time).**

Turn in a lesson plan using the *News and Observer* on-line and either one of the lessons from the N+O or the AVID strategy used today. In addition to the lesson plan, include a written reflection of the lesson after you have completed it with your class.